

Dear Parent / Carer

Please take a few minutes to read the school newsletter so that you can see some of the events planned for you and your child over the next few weeks.

Christmas Fayre - Friday 2nd Dec 1.15pm to 3pm!

The RSMPS Christmas Fayre is back! With hampers, toy stalls, 50/50 draw, tombolas fun and games. There will also be a Pocket Money Stall run by the Primary 7 pupils and enterprise stalls – for each class from P1/2 to P6 with Christmas products and games that the children have made.

Donations are required! Do you have any unwanted gifts or new/nearly new 'preloved' items of good quality' We would love donations and gifts for the adult or child tombola, and for Christmas Hamper Raffles.

Any gifts such as soaps, cosmetics, personal care items, household items, candles and other gifts and trinkets are very welcome along with foods, drinks, chocolates and sweets!

On the day -

The Fayre gets very busy, so we stagger the times that the children come from class to the hall.

Children will come to the hall to meet parents there at the following times:

1.15pm - 1.45pm - P1/2, P2, P6

- 1.45pm 2.15pm P2/3, P3/4, P5
- 2.15pm 2.45pm Nursery, P4,

If you have children in more than one class, we can arrange for them to come to the hall at the same time as the others in their family. Primary 7 children will be helping with this.

Santa's Grotto:

All younger children will get a chance to visit Santa's Grotto before the fayre. A visit to the grotto will cost £2 and each child who goes will receive a small gift.

Thurs 1st Dec in the afternoon – Nursery Class, P2 and P2/3 children will have a chance to visit the grotto

Fri 2nd Dec morning – P3s from P3/4 and P1/2s will have a chance to visit the grotto

Panto Fri 9th Dec - Cinderella

Parent Council fund raising has helped to keep the cost to parents at a minimum this year. <u>We ask that all</u> <u>children attending pay £4 towards this event.</u> A letter with more details will be given to all children.

Nativity Performances Wed 14th / Thurs 15th Dec, 1.30pm (tickets £2)

P1 children will perform 'It's a Baby' with a choir of P2s and P3s giving some help! The Voice group (consisting of children from P3/4 to P7) will also perform on these afternoons. P3/4 and P4s will have recorded some songs for parents to enjoy too.

This year we have over 150 children in the upstairs classes – too many to bring to the stage the way we previously did. As a result we have chosen to make the P1 to P3 children the main focus for this event.

Tickets will on sale to families of children in Mrs. MacFarlane's, Miss Inglis', and Mrs Brown's classes first, along with parents of children in The Voice Project, between Mon 28th Nov and Wed 30th Nov, and then to the wider school group from Thursday 1st Dec.

A maximum of 2 tickets per family group can be bought. Tickets will be £2 each.

Christmas Events

Mon 12th - Nursery Christmas Lunch Tues 13th School Christmas Lunch **Wed 14th Christmas Nativity performance**, 1.30pm **Thurs 15th Christmas Nativity performance**, 1.30pm Friday 16th Dec - School Service 10 am – Friday 16th Dec - Larkhall Academy Panto for P1 to P3 children (afternoon). Sat 17th Dec – The Voice group performing in Glasgow Tues 20th Dec – Nursery Christmas Trip Friday 23rd Dec – Dress down (Christmas theme)



Class Christmas Parties



Monday 19th Dec – all P3s (Mrs. Brown's and Mrs Dick's classes) and all P4s (Mrs Dick's and Mrs Quigley's) Tuesday 20th Dec – all Primary 1 and Primary 2 pupils Wednesday 21st Dec – Primary 5 and Primary 6 parties Thursday 22nd Dec – Primary 7 party

Changing Clothes for Christmas Parties:

Children should come to school on party day wearing school uniform. Parents can collect children and go home 15 minutes early at lunch time to get changed into party clothes, where possible (12pm pick up, returning at 1pm).

<u>Where families cannot come to pick up at lunch due to work / other commitments</u> Children will come to school dressed in uniform with party clothes in a separate bag. Staff will help change them where this is needed (younger children).

Christmas Gifts:

We do not want any family to feel pressure to give a teacher / support staff member a gift. However, for many, giving is one of life's small pleasures.

If you do wish to give a gift to a member of staff this year, please drop it into the school foyer.

School closes for Christmas on Friday 23rd Dec at 2.30pm.

Merry Christmas!